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SUBJECT: ELECTION AFTERMATH: CHARGES FILED AGAINST
- TRINIDAD HERRERA

1. LABAN CANDIDATE (AND FORMER HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE
CELEBRE) TRINIDAD HERRERA WAS CHARGED APRIL 18 WITH SUB-
VERSION AND POSSESSION OF SUBVERSIVE DOCUMENTS. JUDGE
ADVOCATE GENERAL BG HAMILTON DIMAYA DESIGNATED MILITARY
COMMISSION NO. 25 TO TRY HER CASE ON THE BASIS OF A
SPECIAL PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION (SPI) FINDING OF
PROBABLE CAUSE.

2. THE CHARGES ARE REPORTEDLY BASED ON HERRERA'S WORK AS
PRESIDENT OF ZOTO (ZONE ONE TONDO ORGANIZATION), AN
ACTIVIST SLUM-DWELLER ASSOCIATION. SHE ALLEGEDLY
ORGANIZED RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN 1975, DURING WHICH
SHE URGED THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE USE
OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE. "EVENING EXPRESS" APRIL 18,
QUOTING THE CHARGE SHEET, ALLEGES THAT HERRERA "COMMITTED
SUBVERSIVE ACTS" AT TWO DEMONSTRATIONS AND ONE PROTEST
MASS IN 1975. THE CHARGE SHEET ALSO STATES THAT HERRERA
"POSSESSED AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS AND OTHER PRINTED
MATERIALS WHOSE CONTENTS TEND TO INCITE THE PEOPLE TO
VIOLENCE, RIDICULE, DISREGARD LAWFUL ORDERS AND ACTS OF
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THE GOVERNMENT AND ANY OF ITS LAWFUL OFFICERS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF UNDERMINING THE INTEGRITY AND STABILITY OF THE
STATE."

3. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE TRIAL. HERRERA IS
REPORTEDLY IN HIDING.

4. "EVENING EXPRESS" SAYS HERRERA IS THE XBVR LABAN
CANDIDATE CHARGED WITH ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES SINCE

THE ELECTION. WE COUNT SIX: RODRIGO, GUINGONA, RONDON
AND PIMENTEL DURING THE APRIL 9 PROTEST MARCH; CHARITO
PLANAS; AND NOW HERRERA. STULL

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